

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to transportation; authorizing local regulation of trucks on certain trunk
1.3 highways; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 169.011, by adding
1.4 a subdivision; 169.04.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.011, is amended by adding a
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 36a. **Interstate connector.** (a) "Interstate connector" means a segment of
1.9 a noninterstate trunk highway that (1) is not a freeway, as defined in section 160.02,
1.10 subdivision 19; (2) has a segment length of no more than three miles; (3) includes at each
1.11 endpoint of the segment, an interchange with an interstate highway; (4) is built up with at
1.12 least five visible dwelling houses having property limits situated within 100 feet of the
1.13 nearest right-of-way limit of the segment, regardless of whether the highway segment is
1.14 directly accessible to that property; and (5) meets the requirements of paragraph (b).

1.15 (b) A segment identified under paragraph (a) is an "interstate connector" only if there
1.16 is an additional interchange directly connecting the two interstate highways identified in
1.17 paragraph (a), clause (3), that is located within three miles of each endpoint of the segment.

1.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.04, is amended to read:

1.19 **169.04 LOCAL AUTHORITY.**

1.20 Subdivision 1. **General powers.** (a) The provisions of this chapter shall not be
1.21 deemed to prevent local authorities, with respect to streets and highways under their
1.22 jurisdiction, and with the consent of the commissioner, with respect to state trunk
1.23 highways, within the corporate limits of a municipality, or within the limits of a town in

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2.1 a county in this state now having or which may hereafter have, a population of 500,000
2.2 or more, and a land area of not more than 600 square miles, and within the reasonable
2.3 exercise of the police power from:

2.4 (1) regulating the standing or parking of vehicles;

2.5 (2) regulating traffic by means of police officers or traffic-control signals;

2.6 (3) regulating or prohibiting processions or assemblages on the highways;

2.7 (4) designating particular highways as one-way roadways and requiring that all
2.8 vehicles, except emergency vehicles, when on an emergency run, thereon be moved in one
2.9 specific direction;

2.10 (5) designating any highway as a through highway and requiring that all vehicles stop
2.11 before entering or crossing the same, or designating any intersection as a stop intersection,
2.12 and requiring all vehicles to stop at one or more entrances to such intersections;

2.13 (6) restricting the use of highways as authorized in subdivision 2 or sections 169.80
2.14 to 169.88.

2.15 (b) No ordinance or regulation enacted under paragraph (a), clause (4), (5), or (6),
2.16 shall be effective until signs giving notice of such local traffic regulations are posted
2.17 upon and kept posted upon or at the entrance to the highway or part thereof affected as
2.18 may be most appropriate.

2.19 (c) No ordinance or regulation enacted under paragraph (a), clause (3), or any other
2.20 provision of law shall prohibit:

2.21 (1) the use of motorcycles or vehicles utilizing flashing red lights for the purpose of
2.22 escorting funeral processions, oversize buildings, heavy equipment, parades or similar
2.23 processions or assemblages on the highways; or

2.24 (2) the use of motorcycles or vehicles that are owned by the funeral home and that
2.25 utilize flashing red lights for the purpose of escorting funeral processions.

2.26 Subd. 2. **Truck prohibition.** (a) A statutory or home rule charter city or town
2.27 may request the commissioner of transportation to prohibit operation of a truck-tractor
2.28 semitrailer combination on an interstate connector during the hours of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00
2.29 a.m. Upon submission of the request by the city to the commissioner, the commissioner
2.30 shall establish the prohibition and erect the appropriate signs.

2.31 (b) A city or town may submit the prohibition request under paragraph (a) only upon
2.32 publishing notice and posting on the local unit of government Web site, information
2.33 concerning the proposed prohibition; providing a method for submitting written comments
2.34 on the proposal; holding a public hearing on the proposal at a reasonable time and location,
2.35 which may take place at the same time as a regular hearing if public testimony is taken;
2.36 and passing a resolution identifying the segment and supporting the prohibition.

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3.1 (c) A person may not operate a truck-tractor semitrailer combination on an interstate
3.2 connector during the hours specified if such vehicles are prohibited as provided in this
3.3 subdivision.